WHO DOESN'T HAVE SECRETS?
WHAT SECRET DID THIS CUTE GIRL REVEAL?
.....
...DID YA SEE?
NO, NO, NO, IT'S THE TRUTH! REALLY!
L-
LIAR!!
I'M WORRIED THAT I'LL RUIN IT, SO I CAN'T SAY IT...
IT'S TOO EMBARRASSING, SO I CAN'T SAY IT
AH,
NOPE! UM...
I DIDN'T SEE AN-
.....
THE CUTE+DUMB STORY STARTS HERE!

KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT
BUT IN THE END...
I REALLY DO WANT YOU TO KNOW...
CHAPTER 1:
"LET'S CONFESS!"

FU FU FU...
I'M NOT THE SAME KUROMINE ASAHI YOU KNEW!
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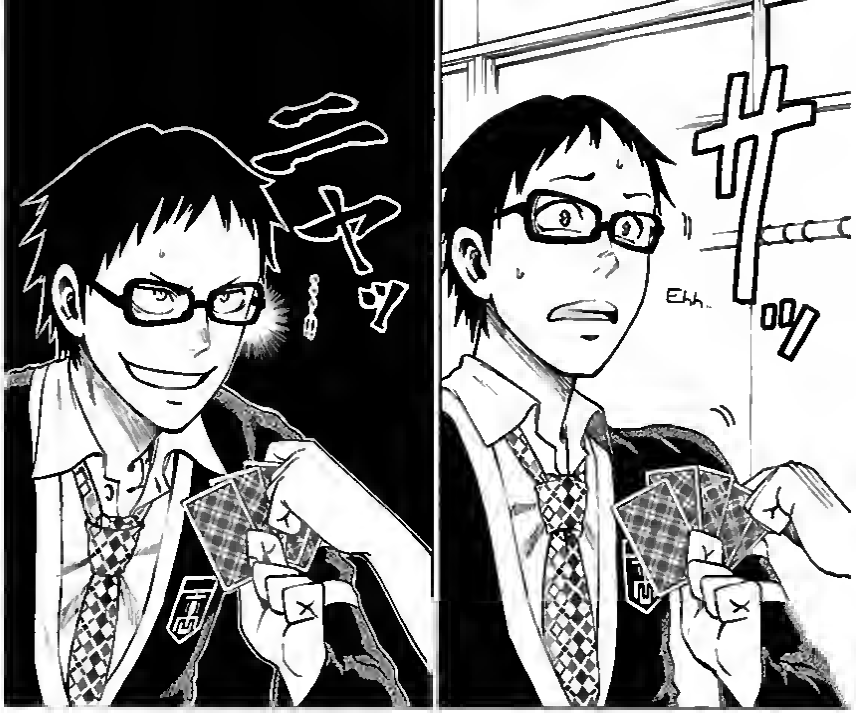
WITH MY +1 TELEPATHY RESISTANT GLASSES...
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO READ MY INNER THOUGHTS ANYMORE! AS LONG AS I HAVE THESE GLASSES!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Ehh...
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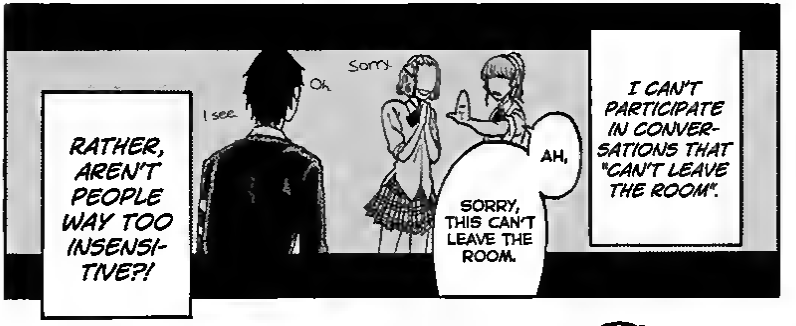
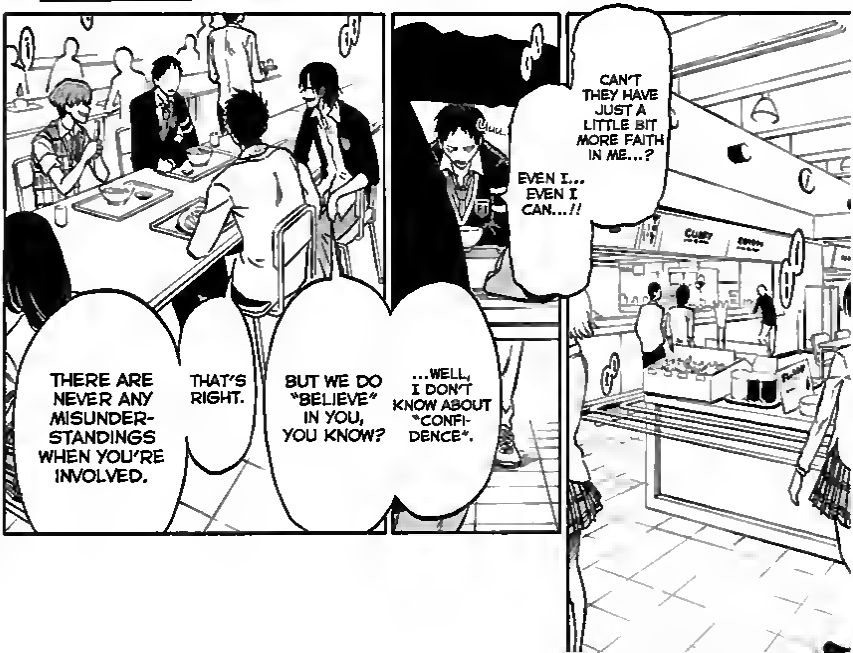
HUH!?
WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER!
SORRY,
DON'T PLAY WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S GLASSES...
...LET'S GO GET LUNCH...

I FEEL LIKE A BULLY WHEN WE DO THAT KIND OF STUFF TO ASAHI...
AH... I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
IT RUBS MY CONSCIENCE THE WRONG WAY.
OKA,
I'M PRETTY SURE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CONSCIENCE TO SPEAK OF.
ASAHI IS AN OPEN BOOK, AFTER ALL.
...DESPITE MY BEST EFFORTS, I, KUROMINE ASAHI,
That's weird...
AM A MAN WHO CANNOT EVEN TELL A HALFWAY CONVINCING LIE, MUCH LESS KEEP ANYTHING SECRET.
I'VE BEEN GIVEN THE NICKNAME "OPEN BOOK ASAHI".

I RANDOMLY GET ASKED FOR MY OPINION...
UM... HM?
AH... ER...
I THINK IT'S... F-FINE?
AS IF!
GO FIX IT!!


I CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN CONVER-SATIONS THAT "CAN'T LEAVE THE ROOM".
AH, SORRY, THIS CAN'T LEAVE THE ROOM.
Oh.
Sorry.
I see.
RATHER, AREN'T PEOPLE WAY TOO INSENSI-TIVE?!


CAN'T THEY HAVE JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE FAITH IN ME...?
EVEN I... EVEN I CAN...!!
...WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT "CONFI-DENCE".
BUT WE DO "BELIEVE" IN YOU, YOU KNOW?
THAT'S RIGHT.
THERE ARE NEVER ANY MISUNDER-STANDINGS WHEN YOU'RE INVOLVED.

...IT MIGHT NOT BE WHAT YOU WANT TO HEAR,
BUT I DON'T THINK BEING UNABLE TO HIDE THINGS IS NECESSARILY A BAD THING.
...YOU GUYS...
HMPH!!
YOU GUYS PROBABLY JUST THINK IT'S HILARIOUS!
AS EXPECTED OF THE OPEN BOOK.
LOOKS LIKE HE'S HAPPY.

SORRY, MY FRIENDS.
I'M ACTUALLY REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU GUYS FEEL THAT WAY.
WHAT'S 5TH PERIOD AGAIN?
AW MAN...
ENG-LISH?
BUT EVEN I...
HAVE A SECRET OR TWO!!
Sorry.
SINCE LAST FALL...
OKAY.
WHO'LL TRANSLATE THIS NEXT LINE...
ALL THE WAY TILL NOW, APRIL OF THE SECOND YEAR, I HAVE PRO-TECTED THIS SECRET!
...WHY DOES THAT DUMBASS LOOK SO CONFIDENT?
Even though he's a dumbass
Fu fu fu...
SHOULD I CALL ON HIM?
NO, I WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP THE LESSON GOING IF I DO!
LET'S SEE...

SHIRA-GAMI.
ギィ…
…YES MA'AM.
…ACTUALLY, I…
KUROMINE ASAHI…

AM IN LOVE WITH THIS GIRL,
SHIRAGAMI YOUKO.

SHIRA-GAMI YOUKO.
IF I...
HAD TO DESCRIBE HER IN ONE WORD, IT'D BE "MYSTER-IOUS."
WHEN SHE TALKS, SHE'S VERY CONCISE AND USES FORMAL SPEECH.
SHE ALWAYS HAS A RESERVED EXPRES-SION.
SHE'S ALWAYS BY HER-SELF, EVEN DURING LUNCH BREAK.
HI! SHIRA-GAMI-SAN, WANT TO HAVE LUNCH TO-GETHER?
NO, THANK YOU.
AND ALTHOUGH SHE'S NOT IN ANY CLUBS, SHE LEAVES SCHOOL LATER THAN ANYONE.
THAT'S WHY NO ONE HAS SEEN SHIRAGAMI COMING TO OR LEAVING SCHOOL.
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S LIKE THAT, SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO HATE SCHOOL.
SHE COMES TO SCHOOL EARLIER THAN ANY-ONE.

...FOR SOME REASON, SHE ALWAYS SITS OUT OF OUTDOOR GYM CLASSES.
I THOUGHT MAYBE HER SKIN'S REALLY SENSITIVE, BUT..
SHE CAME TO SCHOOL COMPLETELY TANNED ONE TIME.
EH? Was that Shirogami just now?
...WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, TO SOMEONE LIKE ME WHO CAN'T HIDE ANYTHING...
YES, OKAY.
OKAY.
IT MIGHT BE NATURAL FOR ME TO BE ATTRACTED TO HER, MY COMPLETE OPPOSITE.

ER... WELL... UM...
I DON'T GET THE NEXT PROBLEM, SO...?
C-CALM DOWN!
IT'S OKAY!! I DON'T GET IT EITHER!!
HA HA HA, KURO-MINE-KUN'S AT IT AGAIN?
He's not a bad kid sort...
...I GUESS IT ENDS UP LIKE THIS WHETHER I CALL ON HIM OR NOT...
NEEEY, YOU ALRIGHT?
WHAT'S WRONG, ASAHI?!
WHOA!?

CRAAP... OUR EYES DEFINITELY MET...
...DID SHE NOTICE I WAS STARING AT HER?
HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN?
HEEEY, KUROMINE?
NO... I'VE GOT TO PROTECT IT!!
I'VE GOT TO PROTECT THIS SECRET!!
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE IGNORING ME!
I KNOW SHE'S WAY OUT OF MY LEAGUE!!
BUT I WANT TO AT LEAST BE ABLE TO ADMIRE HER FROM AFAR...!!
LOOK THIS WAY, KUROMINE, YOU LITTLE SHIT!!
HII
HIII!?
SENSEI! YOU SHOULD CALM DOWN!
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SO...
ASAHI, AREN'T YOU GOING TO CONFESS TO SHIRAGAMI-SAN?
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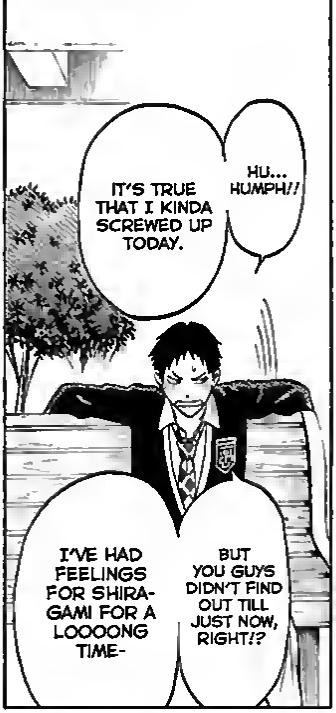
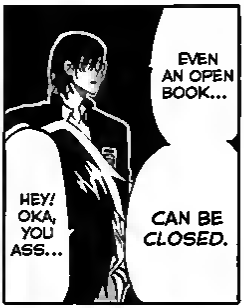
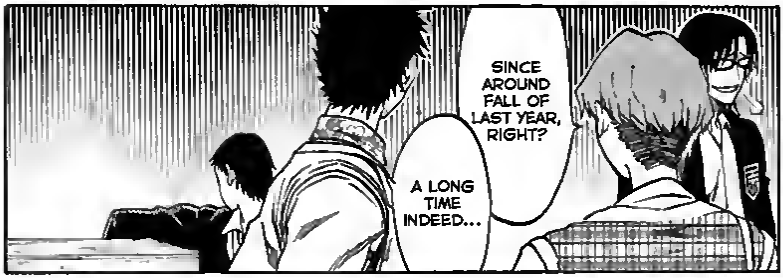
AH, YOU WENT AND SAID IT.
WHAA?!
H-HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT...
I MEAN.
W-W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...!?
...WAS THAT YOUR ATTEMPT AT HIDING IT...?
HE REALLY IS AN OPEN BOOK...


HU... HUMPH!?
IT'S TRUE THAT I KINDA SCREWED UP TODAY.
I'VE HAD FEELINGS FOR SHIRAGAMI FOR A LOOOONG TIME-
BUT YOU GUYS DIDN'T FIND OUT TILL JUST NOW, RIGHT!?

SO WHAT THEN? HE'S A STREET SIGN?
NAH, THOSE HAVE BACKS.
THAT'S TRUE
HOLD IT!! YOU JERKS!

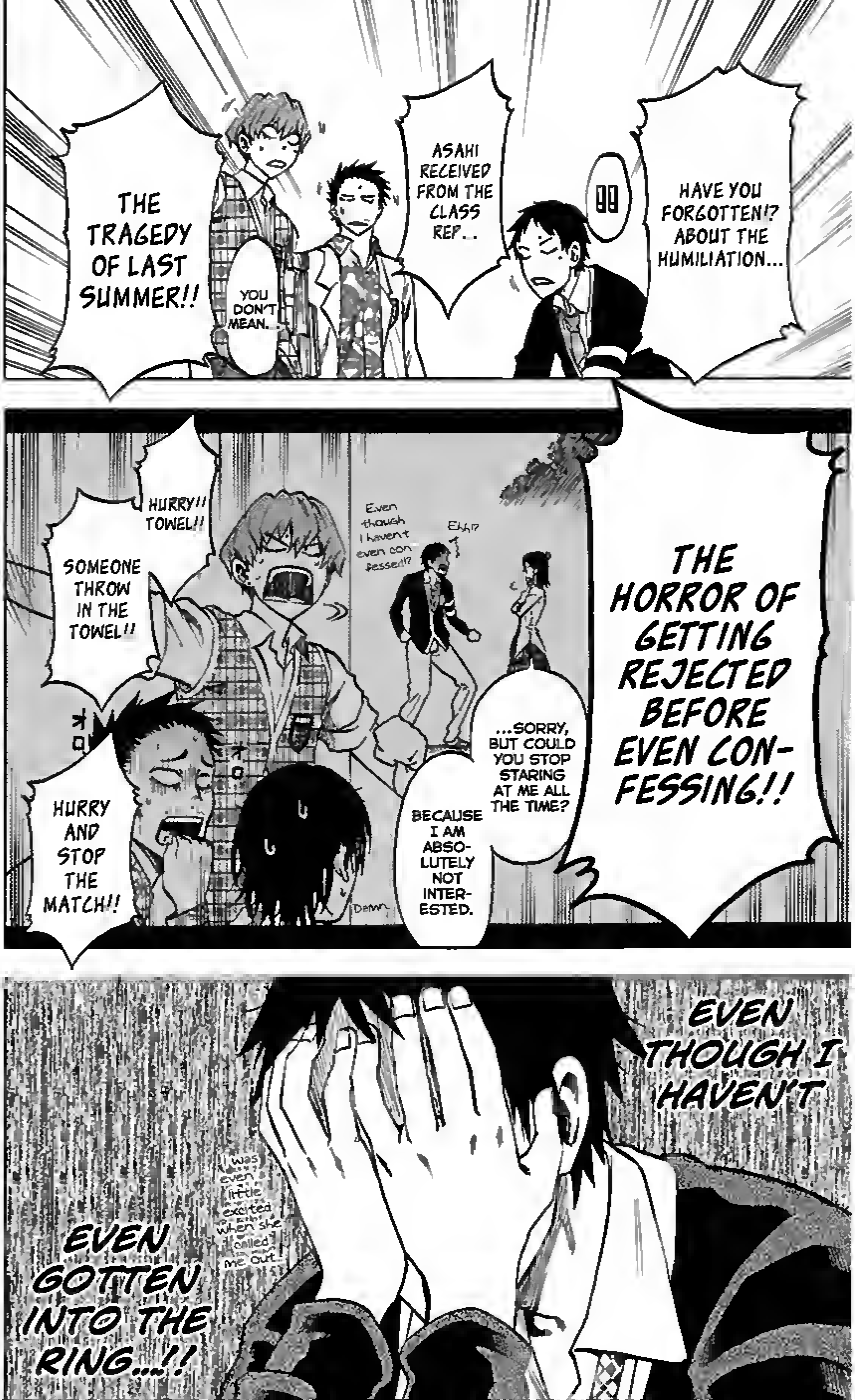
WAIT, GUYS.
!
OKA...
WE SHOULDN'T CALL HIM AN OPEN BOOK.


EVEN AN OPEN BOOK...
HEY! OKA, YOU ASS...
CAN BE CLOSED.


SINCE AROUND FALL OF LAST YEAR, RIGHT?
A LONG TIME INDEED...

...UM.
SORRY FOR KEEPING QUIET ABOUT IT.

IT'S JUST TOO EMBARRASSING,
SO I COULDN'T SAY IT.
IT'S NOT LIKE I PLAN TO CONFESS OR ANYTHING,
SO I THOUGHT KEEPING QUIET WAS FINE.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
EVERYONE HAS A SECRET OR TWO.
YEP, WHAT'S WRONG WITH
HAVING SOMETHING LIKE A SECRET CRUSH?
Though this one was hardly a secret
Though this one was hardly a secret
...NO,
IT'S NO GOOD.
RATHER, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!! WHY?
BECAUSE ASAHI IS SO EASY TO READ...
HUH? OKA, WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
BECAUSE HE'S AN OPEN BOOK!!


THE TRAGEDY OF LAST SUMMER!!
YOU DON'T MEAN...
ASAHI RECEIVED FROM THE CLASS REP...
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HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN!? ABOUT THE HUMILIATION...
THE HORROR OF GETTING REJECTED BEFORE EVEN CONFESSING!!
HURRY!! TOWEL!!
SOMEONE THROW IN THE TOWEL!!
HURRY AND STOP THE MATCH!!
Even though I haven't even confessed!?
EH!?
...SORRY, BUT COULD YOU STOP STARING AT ME ALL THE TIME?
BECAUSE I AM ABSOLUTELY NOT INTERESTED.
Dawn
EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T
I was even a little excited when she called me out...
EVEN GOTTEN INTO THE RING...!!

THAT WAS... QUITE THE SNEAK ATTACK...
NOT BEING ABLE TO HIDE ANY-THING...
CAN LEAD TO TRAGEDY TOO...
OKAA!!
UAAAAAAAAAAAAAA...
YOU ASSHOLE! I'D FINALLY FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT, SO WHY'D YOU-
ASAHI... I'M IM-PRESSED THAT YOU CAN FORGET A TRAGEDY LIKE THAT...
LISTEN, ASAHI. THINK ABOUT IT ANOTHER WAY
HAVING EXPERIENCED THAT KIND OF SNEAK ATTACK, A REGULAR CONFESSION IS NOTHING BY COMPAR-ISON!!
OH?
Yeah...?
NO MORE SNEAK ATTACKS!!
KILL THEM BEFORE THEY CAN KILL YOU!!
"KILL THEM BEFORE THEY CAN KILL YOU!?"

...THAT'S RIGHT, ASAHI!!
NO MORE SNEAK ATTACKS!!
YOU'RE NOT "OPEN BOOK ASAHI" ANY-MORE...
SO GO GET PUB-LISHED BEFORE YOU GET LEAKED ONLINE!!
GET GOING, ASAHI!!
WE'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND CHEER YOU UP AFTER-WARDS!!
GUYS..

IN OTHER WORDS...
YOU ALL THINK I'LL GET SHOT DOWN...?
.....
...WELL ANYWAY...
THANKS.
I'LL GIVE IT A GO.

...BUT SHIRAGAMI YOUKO, HUH...
THAT'S ANOTHER TOUGH CUSTOMER...

BUT ASAHI'S BASICALLY USELESS...
I WONDER IF HE CAN PULL IT OFF.

...HM?
YOU GUYS NEVER NOTICED?
WHY DOES ASAHI ALWAYS...
I KNOW, RIGHT... LAST YEAR IT WAS THE IRON LADY.
THE FRIESY STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

SHIRAGAMI-SAN PEEKS AT ASAHI FROM TIME TO TIME FOR SOME REASON.
SO I DON'T THINK IT'S TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE.

...IF SHIRAGAMI REALLY DOES LEAVE SCHOOL LATER THAN EVERYONE LIKE THE RUMOR SAYS...
SHE SHOULD STILL BE IN SCHOOL...
Se-
...Seriously?
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SHE'S PROBABLY... IN THE CLASSROOM...!!
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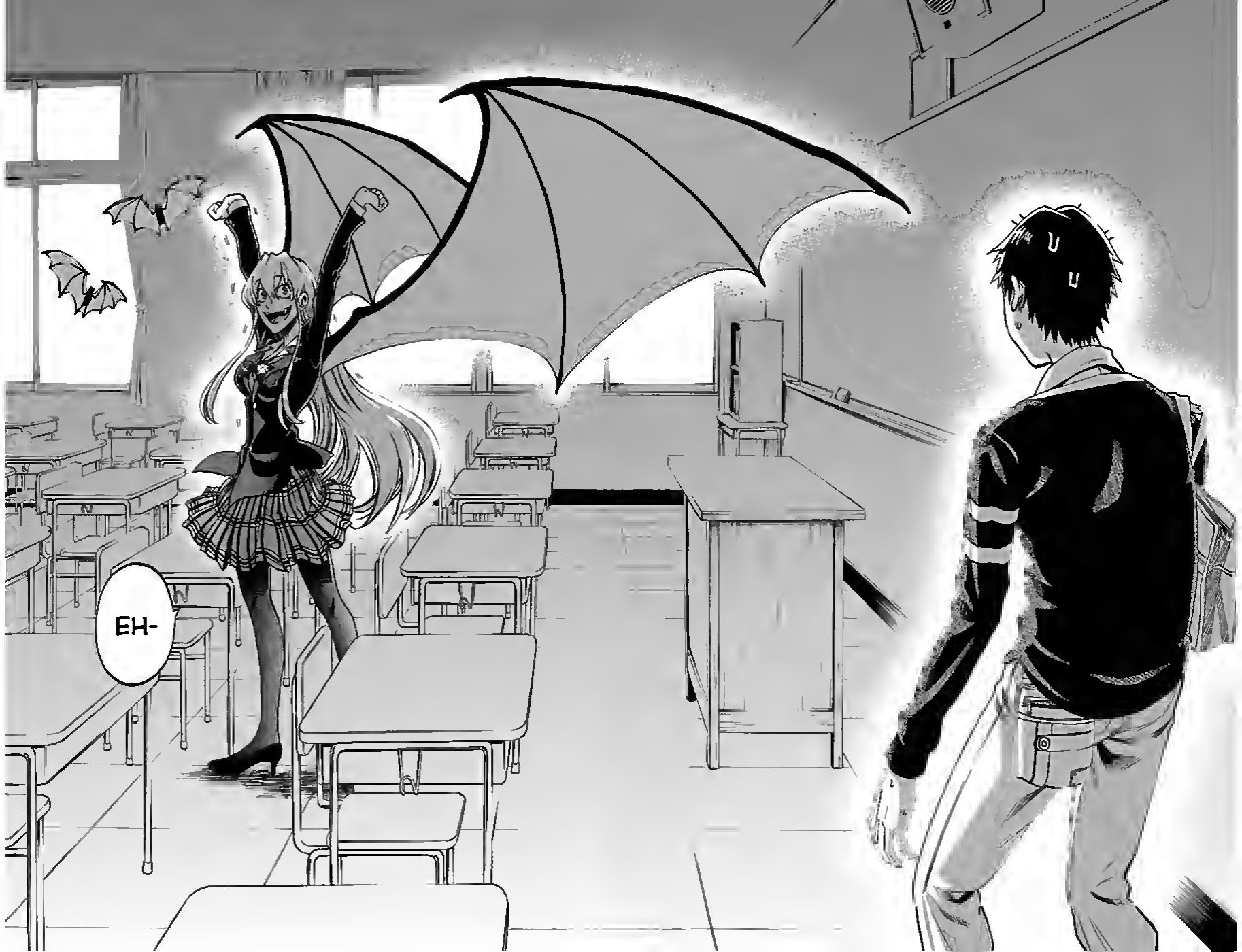
I'LL RUN AWAY AT FULL SPEED!!
AFTER I DELIVER THIS LOVE LETTER...
WROTE IT IN A HURRY
SO GO, KURO-MINE ASAHI!!
WE'VE NEVER EVEN TALKED.
THAT'S RIGHT!! I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE!!
I'M SURE EVERY-ONE HAS SECRETS.

THAT'S SELF-EVIDENT.
THAT'S COMMON SENSE.
FOR EXAMPLE, BEING JUST A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN EVERY-ONE ELSE... THAT KIND OF SECRET.
EH-
SO MAYBE "THIS" ISN'T REALLY OUT OF THE ORDINARY...
AHHH- IT FEELS SO GOOD...
TO SPREAD MY WINGS IN AN EMPTY CLASSROOM~


EH-

KYA-
AAAA-
AAAA-
AAAA-
AAAA-
AAAA-
AAAA-
AAAA-
AAA!?

EH? WINGS?
FANGS?
DID I JUST SEE BATS?
klack
klack
klack
klack
GEH...
THAT'S...
IT CAN'T BE...!!
KLACK

.....
...DID YA SEE?
ding!

...I MIGHT BE LOSING IT.
I SHOULD FORGET THE SCENE I JUST WITNESSED...
AH,
NO! UM..
I DIDN'T SEE AN-
.....
THE NORMALLY BEAUTIFUL AND MYSTERIOUS SHIRAGAMI IS NICE TOO, BUT...
THE PERSON IN FRONT OF ME RIGHT NOW...
L-
LIAR!!
NO, NO, NO, IT'S THE TRUTH! REALLY!
WITH HER BRIGHT RED FACE
AND TEARY EYES...

IS SO, SO, SO MUCH CUTER...
...THE TRUTH IS...
I'M A VAMPIRE...
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...I'M SUCH AN IDIOT...
WHY COULDN'T I KEEP MY WINGS HIDDEN UNTIL I GOT HOME...
SH... SHIRAGAMI, YOU NORMALLY SPEAK WITH A KANSAI ACCENT?
FEELS LIKE I LUCKED OUT SOMEHOW...
YEA...
CUZ' IF I SPOKE NATURALLY, I'D GET CARRIED AWAY AND LET MY FANGS SHOW...
SO I NORMALLY SPEAK POLITELY AND AVOID TALKIN' TO PEOPLE...

UM... VAMPIRES TURN INTO ASH WHEN THEY'RE EXPOSED TO SUNLIGHT, RIGHT?
IS THAT WHY YOU... Y'KNOW, WITH STUFF LIKE GYM CLASS AND GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL...?
Thought I'd ask since I have the chance
HUH? NAH, NOTHIN' LIKE THAT.
I JUST GET A REALLY BAD TAN.
THE TRUTH IS (CASUALLY) REVEALED...!!
Farewell the mysterious Shiraoka!!
...UM
KURO-MINE-KUN, AREN'T YOU AFRAID?
CUZ' I'M...
YA KNOW...
...A VAMPIRE.

AH.
NOPE.
ACTUALLY, I THINK YOU'RE RIDICULOUSLY CUTE.
WHAT THE HECK DID I JUST SAY!?
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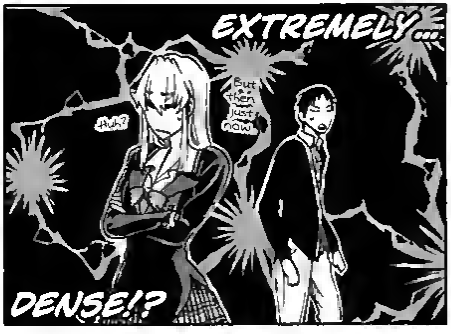
WHA?
.....
UM...
YA SURE YOU'RE NOT CONFUSING VAMPIRES WITH SOMETHING ELSE...?
HM?
...HM?
MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT VAMPIRES?
HMM!?
...HUH? MY TRUE FEELINGS JUST WENT CLEAR OVER HER HEAD?
COULD IT BE THAT SHIRAGAMI'S...

AH,
SO... SORRY I KEPT GOING ON AND ON ABOUT MYSELF.
AH!
I'M TOTALLY, TOTALLY OKAY WITH THAT.
ACTUALLY, MORE THAN OKAY!!


EXTREMELY...
But she's just now!
Huh?
DENSE!?

WELL... HOW DO I SAY THIS...
I'M REALLY GLAD THE LAST PERSON I GOT TO TALK TO
WAS YOU, KUROMINE-KUN.
UM...

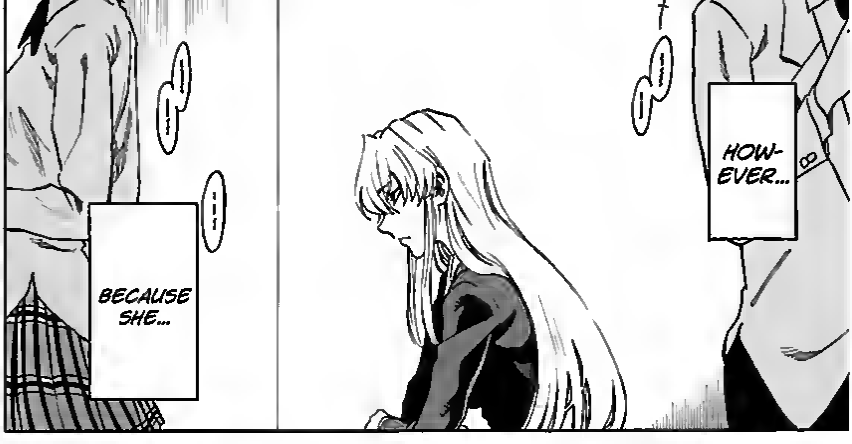
...NOW THAT I'VE BEEN EXPOSED AS A VAMPIRE,
I'LL HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE TO THIS SCHOOL.
SCREWED UP BIG TIME!?
...COULD IT BE THAT, I'VE...
.....
?
?...
THAT'S THE AGREEMENT I'VE MADE WITH DAD.
AND MY DAD'S SUPER STUBBORN.
SAYIN' STUFF LIKE, "IT'S PREPOSTEROUS FOR A VAMPIRE TO GO TO A HUMAN SCHOOL!!"
Um.
Shirasagi.
..TO BE HONEST, I KNEW I'D GET FOUND OUT SOMEDAY.
I WAS PREPARED FOR THAT.

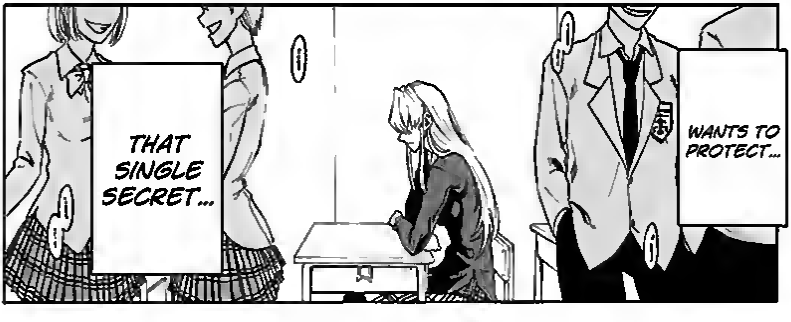
IT'S JUST THAT...
I THOUGHT THAT THE PERSON WHO DISCOVERED MY SECRET WOULD BE TERRIFIED.
AND THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE A BIG MESS IN THE END.
THAT'S WHY... UM...
KURO-MINE-KUN,
THANK YOU! REALLY!
...HOW

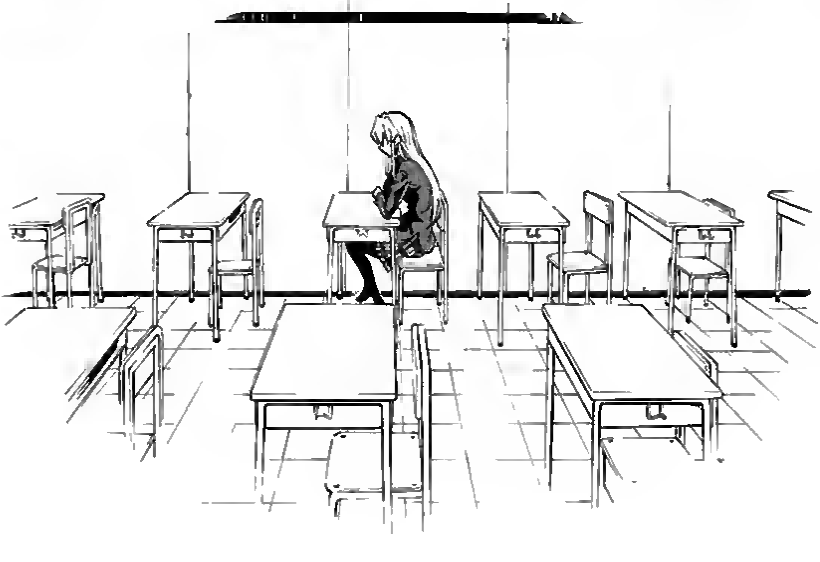
HOW CAN YOU EVEN SMILE LIKE THAT
SHIRA-GAMI?
I MEAN...
BECAUSE OF ME, YOU'RE...
UM...
SO-SORRY FOR SAYIN' SOMETHING WEIRD...

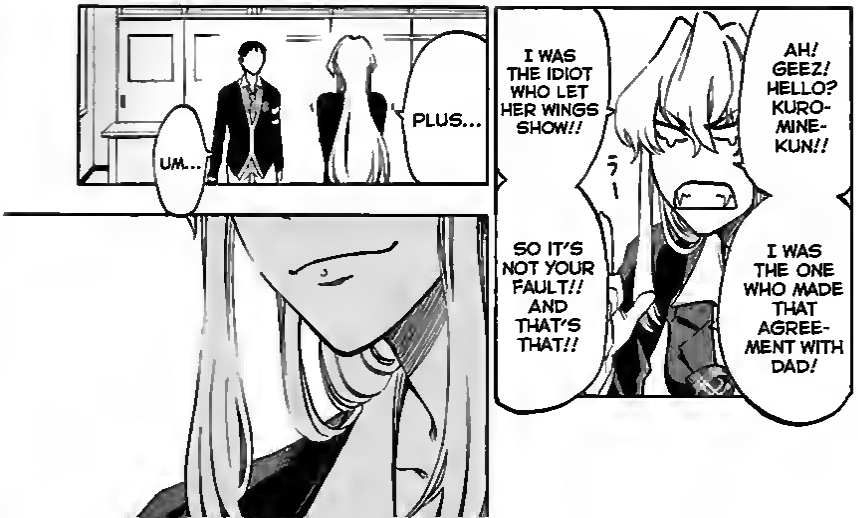
I DON'T WANT THIS.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT OR ANYTHING, KUROMINE-KUN!!
WOOU!!?
IT'S... IT'S NOT...
Ugh-

SHIRAGAMI TO QUIT SCHOOL LIKE THIS.
Kuno-mine-kun. It's not your
It's not.
I ABSO-LUTELY DON'T WANT
BECAUSE IT'S MY FAULT?
BECAUSE THE GIRL I LIKE WILL BE GONE?
THAT'S A HUGE PART OF THE REASON WHY!! HOWEVER...
MORE THAN THAT...
SHIRAGAMI HAS BEEN CHATTING AWAY WITH ME SINCE THIS ALL BEGAN.
FOR SOME REASON, IT MAKES ME REALLY HAPPY
GOING ON AND ON IN HER KANSAI ACCENT. HER EXPRES-SION'S BEEN ALL OVER THE PLACE TOO.
I BET SHE ACTUALLY LOVES TALKING TO OTHER PEOPLE.
...I'M SURE OF IT!


BECAUSE SHE...
HOW-EVER...


THAT SINGLE SECRET...
WANTS TO PROTECT...




AH! GEEZ! HELLO? KURO-MINE-KUN!!
I WAS THE IDIOT WHO LET HER WINGS SHOW!!
I WAS THE ONE WHO MADE THAT AGREE-MENT WITH DAD!
SO IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT!! AND THAT'S THAT!!
PLUS...
UM...

WELL...
YOU SEE?
I'VE ALREADY ENJOYED SCHOOL LIFE TO THE FULLEST!! I'M SATISFIED!!
...“TO THE FULLEST”...?
...“SATISFIED”...?

KU-
THAT'S JUST...
THAT'S WHY...
UM... I'M COMPLETELY FINE-
THAT'S JUST WRONG!
KURO-MINE-KUN...?
IN FACT...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL LIKE THIS!!
WHAT THE HECK AM I SAYING...
UM... THAT'S WHY...!
THAT'S WHY UM... WHAT I MEAN IS...!

LET'S KEEP THE FACT THAT YOUR SECRET WAS EXPOSED A SECRET!!
I GOT IT...!
WELL I...
EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE IS ALWAYS SAYING THAT I...
THAT I AM EASY TO READ, CAN'T TELL A LIE TO SAVE MY LIFE, AND CAN'T KEEP ANY-THING A SECRET...
YEAH... YEAH!!
THAT WAY, YOU WON'T HAVE TO QUIT SCHOOL!!

BUT THIS SECRET... I'LL DEFINITELY KEEP IT!
NO MATTER WHAT!
THAT'S WHY...
I'LL PROTECT THIS SECRET FOR SURE!
SHIRAGAMI YOUKO-SAN!!
PLEASE...

BE...
MY FRIEND!!
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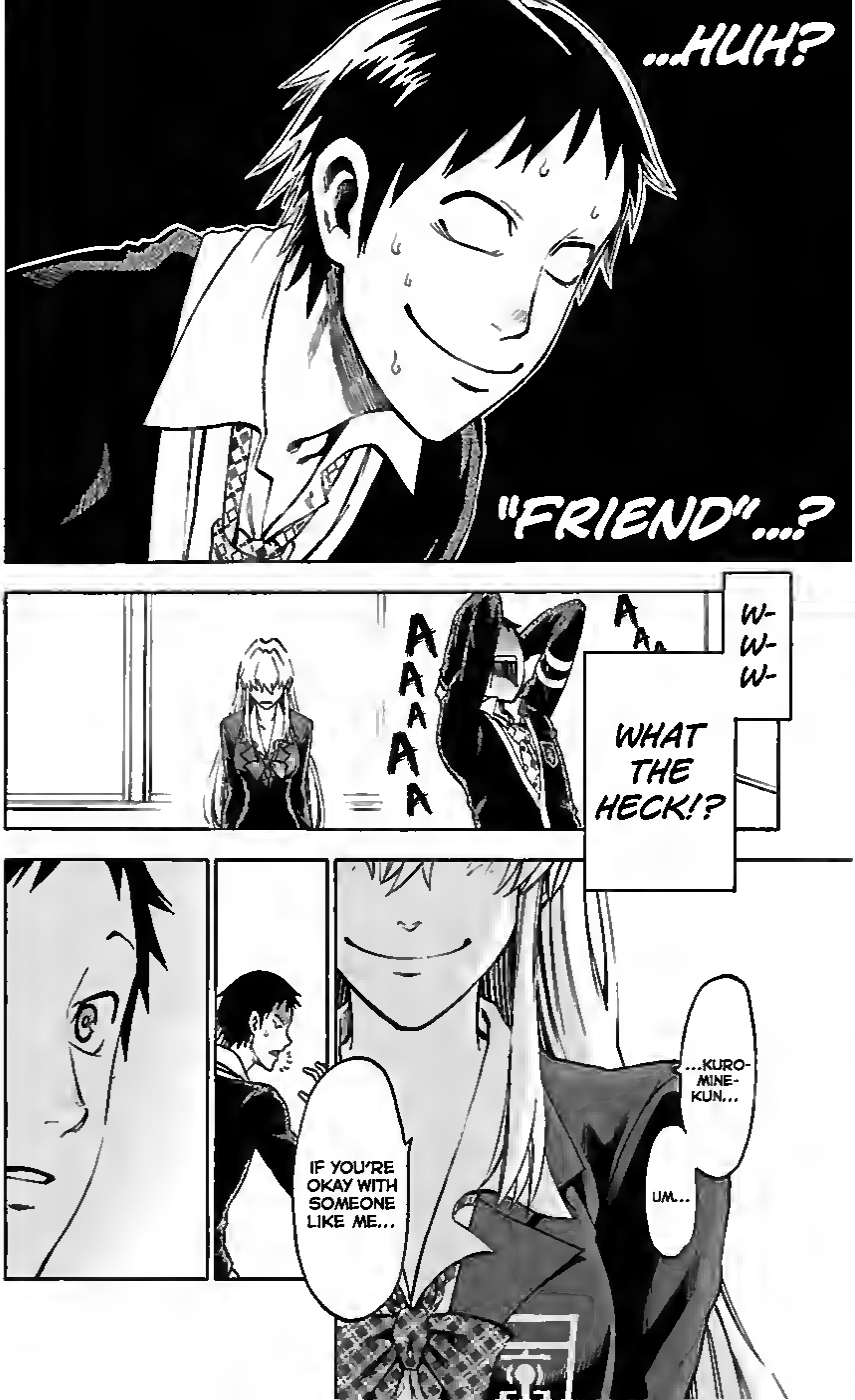
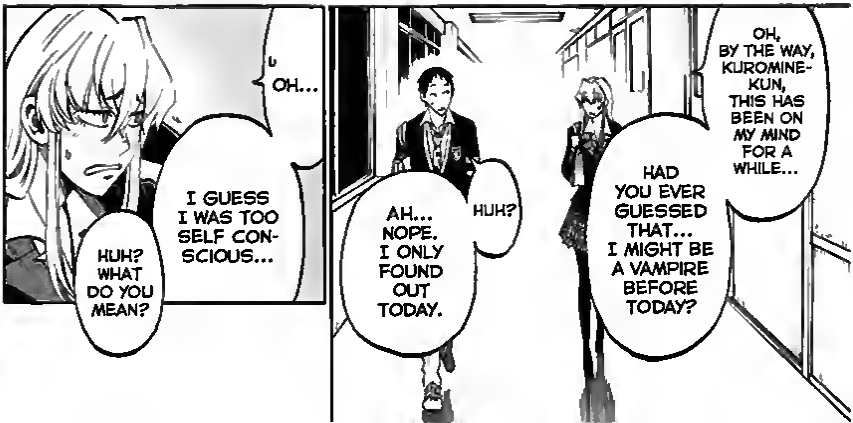
Haa-
Haa-


...HUH?
"FRIEND"...?
AAAAAA
W-W-W-
WHAT THE HECK!?
IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME...
UM...
...KURO-MINE-KUN...

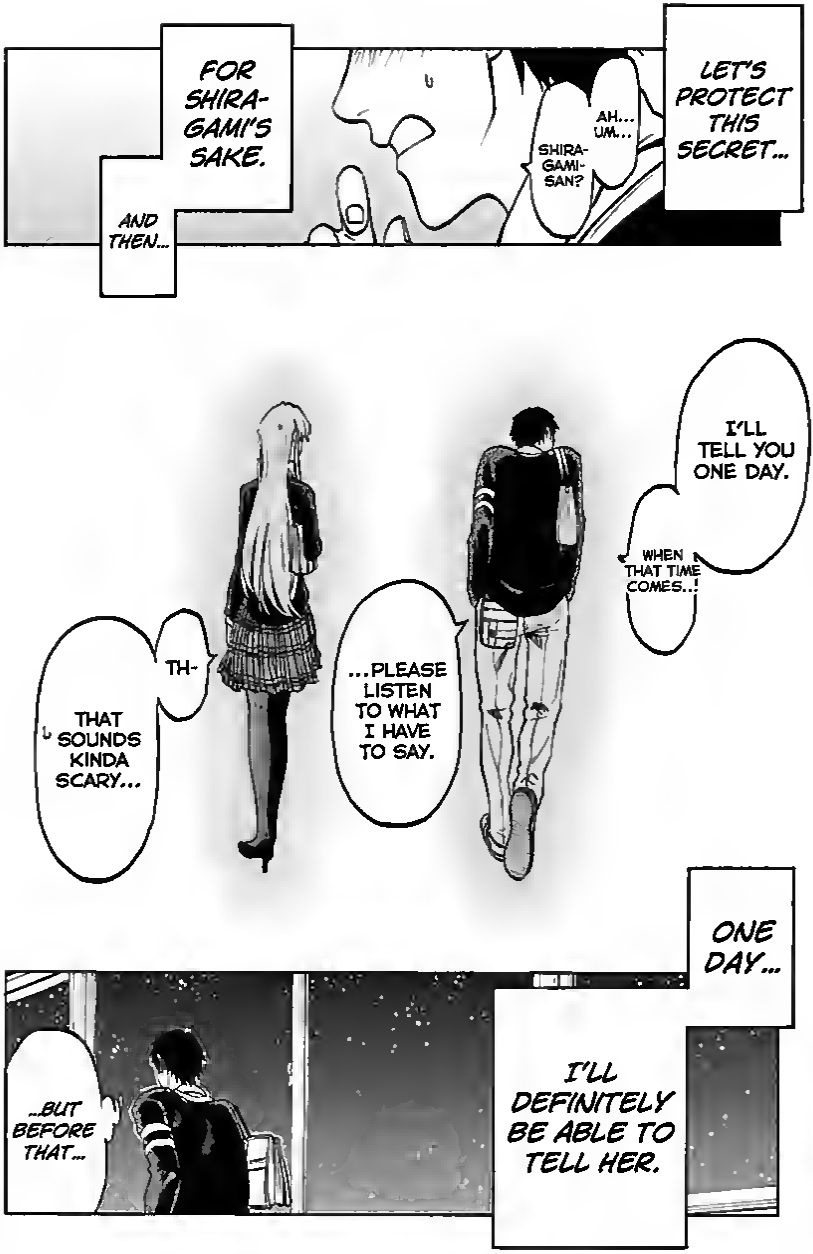
I'D BE HAPPY TO!!

AND SO...
I, KUROMINE ASASHI, THE GUY WHO SUCKS AT TELLING LIES, THE GUY WHO CAN'T KEEP ANYTHING HIDDEN, THE OPEN BOOK...
NOW GUARDS A SECRET THAT MUST NOT BE REVEALED TO ANYONE!!

...WILL THIS BE AL-RIGHT?
I'm super worried.
WILL I BE AL-RIGHT...?


OH...
I GUESS I WAS TOO SELF CON-SCIOUS...
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
OH, BY THE WAY, KUROMINE-KUN, THIS HAS BEEN ON MY MIND FOR A WHILE...
HAD YOU EVER GUESSED THAT... I MIGHT BE A VAMPIRE BEFORE TODAY?
HUH?
AH... NOPE. I ONLY FOUND OUT TODAY.

This is embarrassing...
SO I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU NOTICED THAT I WAS A VAMPIRE OR SOMETHING...
IT FELT LIKE YOU WERE ALWAYS STARING AT ME
WELL... UHH...
OH, THAT'S RIGHT...
A... ABOUT THAT...
I'LL KEEP THAT A SECRET...
!?
YOU REALLY WERE STARING...?
UM...
THERE'S ONE MORE SECRET.
COULD IT BE THAT...
MY NOSE HAIR WAS STICKING OUT...?
IT'S DEFINITELY NOT THAT!


LET'S PROTECT THIS SECRET...
AH... UM...
SHIRA-GAMI-SAN?
FOR SHIRA-GAMI'S SAKE.
AND THEN...
I'LL TELL YOU ONE DAY.
WHEN THAT TIME COMES..!
...PLEASE LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.
TH-
THAT SOUNDS KINDA SCARY...
ONE DAY...
I'LL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO TELL HER.
...BUT BEFORE THAT...

MY BIGGEST ENEMY, OR RATHER...
THE ONE I NEED TO LOOK OUT FOR THE MOST...
IS THAT OBNOXIOUS ORANGE...
NEWSPAPER CLUB
HUUH~? SENSI-TIVITY~?
LEAVE THAT CRAP IN THE GUTTER.
AH...
BUT CHIEF...
...GEEZ, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO PAY THAT OPEN BOOK A VISIT.
SINCE HE'S A FREE, LIMITLESS SOURCE OF TIPS, WE'LL EASILY BE ABLE TO FILL THOSE PAGES.
BUT...
WE CAN'T JUST FILL THE SCHOOL PAPER WITH GOSSIP...
HUUH~?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

"IF YOU TELL ME NOT TO DO IT, I'LL DO IT ANYWAY!"
"IF YOU RUN AWAY, I'LL JUST CHASE YOU!"
THOSE ARE THE MOTTOS OF AKEMI MIKAN.
"IF YOU SAY IT'S A SECRET, I'LL EXPOSE IT!"
GOT IT? GOOD.
SHE'S ROT-TEN...
THAT'S OUR CHIEF FOR YOU

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